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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/828,826	Applicant(s) COSTA ET AL.	
	Examiner John B. Nguyen	Art Unit 2819	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dhong et al. U.S. Patent Number 5,343,092.

2. Regarding to claim 1, Figures 3 and 4, Dhong et al. discloses a buffer circuit that outputs a bias signal for biasing a cascode LNA, the buffer comprising: an input emitter-follower stage (Q1) that receives an input signal (T) and produces the bias signal at an output terminal (OUTPUT); a gain stage (Q2) coupled to the emitter-follower stage (Q1); a load (RZ) coupled to the emitter-follower stage Q1); and a feedback circuit (D1) coupled to the load and the gain stage.

3. Regarding to claim 2, a bias circuit that outputs a bias signal for biasing an amplifier, the bias circuit comprising: an input stage (Q1) that receives an input signal (T) and produces the bias signal at an output terminal (OUTPUT) that is coupled to a gain stage (Q2); a load (RZ) coupled to the input stage (Q1) at a first terminal (Z); and a feedback circuit (D1) coupled between the first terminal (Z) and the gain stage (Q2).

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4. Regarding to claim 3, the bias circuit of claim 2, wherein the input stage comprises an emitter-follower input stage (Q1).
5. Regarding to claim 4, the bias circuit of claim 2, wherein the gain stage comprises a common-emitter gain stage (Q2) that has a base terminal.
6. Regarding to claim 5, the bias circuit of claim 4, wherein the feedback circuit (D1) is coupled between the first terminal (Z) and the base terminal (b of Q2).

Allowable Subject Matter


7. Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (See enclosed Form PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B Nguyen whose telephone number (571) 272-

1808. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4: 30 PM M-F.


John B. Nguyen
April 27, 2005